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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY TO SOUTH YEMEN

1. FCO OFFICERS CALLED EMBOFF'S ATTENTION TO ITEM IN
FINANCIAL TIMES OF JANUARY 17 ON CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY'S
VISIT TO PDY (SOUTH YEMEN). ARTICLE BY RAMI KHOURI
WAS DATELINED AMMAN JAN. 16, AND HEADLINED "ALI DENIES
RUSSIAN BASE IN ADEN." TEXT OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE:
AMID CONTINUING REPORTS OF ADEN BEING USED AS A TRANSIT
POINT FOR LARGE-SCALE TRANSFERS OF SOVIET ARMS TO
ETHIOPIA, THE SOUTH YEMENI PRESIDENT, MR. SALEM RUBAYYI
ALI, HAS TOLD A VISITING AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN THAT THE
SOVIET UNION ENJOYS THE USE OF A "FACILITY" IN ADEN FOR
ITS SHIPS, BUT DOES NOT HAVE AND WILL NOT HAVE A MILITARY
BASE THERE IN ANY SENSE OF THE WORD.

THE CONGRESSMAN, MR. PAUL FINDLEY, AN ILLINOIS RE-
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PUBLICAN WHO IS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH A DELEGATION FROM
THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MADE A THREE-
DAY VISIT TO ADEN ON HIS OWN FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT
ALI.

MR. FINDLEY HAD A LONG MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ALI
DURING WHICH THE PRESIDENT SENT A MESSAGE OF "WARMEST

GREETINGS" TO PRESIDENT CARTER, COMPLEMENTING THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT ON HIS POLICY OF "SEEKING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS," MR. FINDLEY TOLD THE FINANCIAL TIMES HERE TO-DAY ON HIS RETURN FROM ADEN.

MR. FINDLEY ALSO QUOTED PRESIDENT ALI AS SAYING HE HOPED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS SOON WITH THE U.S. ABOUT RE-ESTABLISHING FULL RELATIONS, WHICH MR. FINDLEY EXPECTS TO FOLLOW UP IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. END QUOTE

3. SINCE THE BRITISH PROTECT OUR INTERESTS IN SOUTH YEMEN, THEIR INTEREST IS UNDERSTANDABLE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFO ON CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY'S TRIP WHICH WE CAN PASS TO THE FCO. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOW THE CONGRESSMAN GOT IN TO SOUTH YEMEN, WHAT HE DISCUSSED THERE, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION OF HIS VISIT. LAST INFO WE HAVE ON THIS IS 77 STATE 309091, WHICH WE DID NOT RPT NOT CONVEY TO FCO.

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